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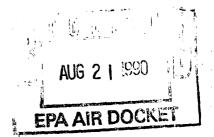
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Mr. William K. Reilly
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: HITEC 300 Performance Additive - Ethyl Corp
And Suggestions to Fund Cost of Clean Up

Dear Mr. Reilly,

If the Canadians have been using this since 1978, what is our excuse? That's twelve years!

The problem with our Administration in this country is that no-one wants to take responsibility and do "the right thing". The "right thing" would involve quick response to any potential solution to the degradation of the environment.

This goes beyond this performance additive. We should be eliminating the use of fossil fueled buses in the metropolitan areas and opting for efficient, electrically powered ones. In fact, we should be aggressively promoting "clean" energy for a wide range of domestic uses. We should eliminate styrofoam and supermarket bags. (Europeans bring their own string bags to stores when they shop). We should aggressively be regulating how air conditioners are serviced to eliminate the wholesale release of flurocarbons into the atmosphere. We should make concerted effort to educate the population generally on the harmful effects of using chemical fertilizers and pesticides which end up in our acquifiers, streams and oceans and endanger not only our drinking water but also the healthy ecology of "natural" environments. Pesticides and chemical fertilizers should be taken off the market.

Between the EPA and the FDA, you are allowing wholesale degradation not only of our environment, but also of human-health each day you drag your heels on restricting use of

harmful chemicals in our food chains and by not acting swiftly to implement usage of energy-efficient programs where we are relying on fossil fuels.

Get with it! The planet needs us to take action now!

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Yours truly,

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c.c. George Bush

- P.S. To raise money for the clean-up of toxic waste dump sites, I have several suggestions:
  - o create a fund to clean up old sites where culpability is difficult to enforce due to change of ownership, etc.
  - o fund it by running a Federal lottery (much the way the State-run lotteries are funding educational programs, etc.)
  - o implement a tax on foreign-made products where the manufacturer is not using aggressive pollution control methods. Funds to go to the general cleanup fund. This tax would also serve to even the "playing fields" for American manufacturers who are incurring costs in the usage of pollution control systems, and would also encourage European and Asian manufacturers to be more responsible planetary citizens. Pollution is a global problem.